

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2002-381-C - ORDER NO. 2003-65

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

IN RE: Application of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Offer Local Exchange, Access and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina	) ORDER GRANTING ) EXTENSION TO ) PREFILE ) TESTIMONY )
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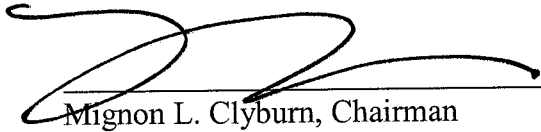
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. (MTI or the Company) for an extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits. MTI was originally scheduled to prefile its testimony and exhibits on or before January 22, 2003, as set forth in Commission Order No. 2002-850 issued December 16, 2002.

By letter dated January 27, 2003, MTI requested that the Commission grant the Company an extension to prefile its testimony in this matter until January 29, 2003. As reasoning for the request, MTI stated that the Company missed the prefile deadline and was made aware of the missed deadline by contact from a Commission employee of the Utilities Department. Upon notification of its failure to prefile the Company's testimony, MTI submitted its request seeking an extension until January 29, 2003, to file testimony in this matter. MTI's prefled testimony was filed with the Commission on January 29, 2003.

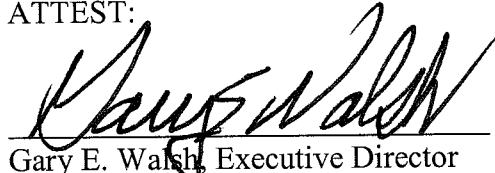
Upon consideration of MTI's request, we approve and grant the request for an extension of time to prefile testimony and exhibits. Accordingly, MTI shall prefile and serve its direct testimony and exhibits on or before **January 29, 2003**. (MTI may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated date.)

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director  
(SEAL)